

Remarks

In response to the Restriction Requirement Applicants elect, with traverse, the claims of Group VII as described on page 3 of the Office Communication, drawn to Pyridines fused to a 5-membered N-containing ring (bicyclic ring) (Formulae II, IV, V, VII-IX, XI) where X = C, classified in class 546, subclasses 113, 118, 119, and 120.

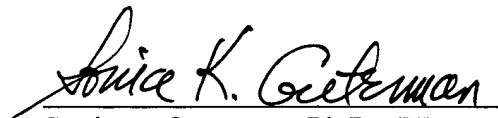
Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement, as a search for prior art relating to any of the compounds having a core formula with substituents in groups I through XIV of the claims would necessarily reveal others. In the event that the Restriction Requirement is maintained, Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claims drawn to other restriction groups in an application sharing the same filing and/or priority dates as the present application.

The Examiner is thanked for helpful comments in a telephone conference with Applicants' representative of March 11, 2005.

Applicants elect for search purposes tentative species which is Formula V of claim 1, in which X = CH; R² = H; R³ = Me; R⁴ = 2,4-diCl-Ph; and A-B-N[R⁶]R⁵ = (CH₂)₂-NH-(2-O1Pr-5-pyridyl), shown in Example 93 on page 81 of the specification. In the event that a broad generic claim is allowed, Applicants reserve the right to request search of additional remaining species.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the claims and specification are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that the application proceed expeditiously to examination. In the event of questions concerning this paper, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number below.



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